



MINUTES
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OSSINING
IN PERSON AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, BOARD ROOM,
16 CROTON AVE. – OSSINING, NEW YORK
AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

August 13, 2024

REGULAR MEETING
7:30 P.M.

SUPERVISOR
Elizabeth R. Feldman

COUNCILMEMBERS
Gregory G. Meyer Angelo A. Manicchio
Jennifer Fields-Tawil Matthew J. Weiss

I. CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-ROLL CALL

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ossining was held on August 13, 2024 at the Municipal Building, 1st Floor, Board Room, 16 Croton Ave. – Ossining, New York, 10562 and via video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Elizabeth R. Feldman. Members of the Board present were: Councilmembers Gregory G. Meyer, Jennifer Fields-Tawil, Angelo A. Manicchio and Matthew J. Weiss. Also present were Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona, Budget Officer Martha C. Quituisaca and Deputy Town Clerk Jeaneth V. Guinansaca.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Zoning Petition for BE Zoning District**

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 PM.

The following people commented at the Public Hearing:

- **David Steinmetz – Law Firm Zarin and Steinet**
- **Joseph Dioguardi – 1607 Eagle Bay Drive. (Visitor Recognition item)**
- **Town Counsel Christie Tomm-Addona. Since the Board is serving as lead agency for the environmental review, she put into the Board consideration to adopt the next step in the process the EAF Part 2, which identifies those environmental areas where there could be potential or moderate impact. The Environmental Assessment Form Part 2, which is related to the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Those are the areas that the applicant will then be charged with going back and responding for this project and this application. The Motion was moved by Meyer and was seconded by Weiss to adopt the EAF Part 2.**

At 7:48 PM Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the Public Hearing be adjourn to the August 27, 2024 Legislative Meeting.

III. SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Spray Park at Louis Engel Waterfront Park is open for the summer. The Park is open seven days a week, noon-7:00pm.**
- **Last weeks RiverJam concert featuring “Heard Immunity” has been rescheduled to September 6th.**

- RiverJam this Friday will be returning with “Pablito Y Su Latin Band”. Check our website at OssiningRiverJam.com for more details.
- The Ossining Recreation & Parks Department will have a free shuttle on Fridays for RiverJam. The shuttle will loop around Westerly Road and Water Streets from 5:30pm-9:30pm at these stops:
 - Louis Engel Park
 - Water Street/Central Avenue
 - Quimby/Main
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture is responding to a multi-state Listeria outbreak. Please see the Westchester County fact sheet for more information.
- Westchester Power will be hosting an information session on August 28th at the Ossining public library. Please see my Supervisor’s Update for a QR Code with more information and to register for the event.
- The Summer Acoustic Music Series this Wednesday features “Midnight Maizey” with a mix of Folk, Country, Indie, and Rock standards. The shows are at Market Square and begin at 7:00pm.
- The Ossining High School Band is still fundraising for the 2024 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Hawaii. If you are interested in donating, please see my Supervisor’s Update for a QR Code to their donation page.
- On Sunday, August 18th there will be a walking tour of the historic Sparta neighborhood. The tour will begin at the Jug Tavern at 1pm, where participants will walk about six blocks throughout the historic neighborhood. The tour will be led by Dr. Alan Stahl. For more information, please visit the Jug Tavern website.
- Hudson Valley Books for Humanity will be hosting a Human Story Swap on Wednesday August 21st. Participants will have the opportunity to speak with someone new in a lightly guided conversation and share their experiences.
- The Monday Summer Jazz Concerts will continue on August 26th with Eric Person Quintet at Henry Gourdine Park.
- Teatown is continuing the Wildflower Island guided tours. Join experienced guides who will provide an in-depth look at the unique ecology of this sanctuary. The tours are held on Saturdays at 1:00pm.
- As always, our Ossining Public Library will be hosting a bevy of events including movies, craft events, meditation, tutoring, yoga, book clubs and more. Please see their website at ossininglibrary.org
- There are many fun and interesting events being held locally, and you can look at my weekly Supervisor’s Update on the Supervisor’s webpage to see them.

IV. LIAISON REPORTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on any of the resolutions on the agenda.

VI. BOARD RESOLUTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2024

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the July 23, 2024 minutes of the Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

B. Approval of Minutes – August 6, 2024 – Special Meeting

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the August 6, 2024 minutes of the Special Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

C. Approval of Voucher Detail Report

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby approves the Voucher Detail Report dated August 13, 2024 in the amount of \$1,048,752.97.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

D. Contract – Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a License Agreement with Ossining Boat and Canoe Club, Inc. for the waterfront premises directly adjacent to and north of 1 Westerly Road (Louis Engel Waterfront Park) effective from August 15, 2024 to August 14, 2029.

**Motion Carried
Abstain: Feldman**

E. Resolution – Local Law # 2 of 2024 – Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Inter-Municipal Watershed Protection Overlay District

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Towns of Cortlandt, New Castle, and Ossining, the Villages of Croton-on-Hudson and Ossining, and Westchester County worked together on a watershed plan for the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watersheds, and after the watershed plan was developed, the five municipalities received a \$50,000 grant to conduct a study and develop a watershed protection overlay district; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Protection Overlay District (WPOD) was subsequently developed by collaboration of the municipalities and their planning professionals with the objectives of (i) protecting the quality of the drinking water resources within the boundaries of the WPOD and the surrounding environment and (ii) minimizing the potential for ground water and surface water contamination and limiting the severity of resource degradation within the WPOD’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to incorporate the WPOD into the Town Code by consideration of Local Law # 2 of 2024, which creates a new Chapter 117 of the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1; and

WHEREAS, Short Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 2 and 3 have been prepared for the Board’s consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held a duly noticed public hearing at its legislative session on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and members of the public having an opportunity to attend and be heard, the public hearing was closed on July 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board for at least seven days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to the adoption of this resolution, and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 2 finding that no moderate to large impacts will occur from the local law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 3 issuing a Negative Declaration determining the local law will have no significant adverse environmental impact as the implementation of the WPOD will provide better environmental protection of water resources integral to the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed and creates a partnership between the Towns of Cortlandt, New Castle and Ossining and the Villages of Croton-on-Hudson and Ossining in doing so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, after due deliberation, finds that in the furtherance of the safety, health and well-being of the persons and property in the Town, it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said local law, and the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law # 2 of 2024 implementing the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Protection Overlay District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting into the local law book for the Town of Ossining; to publish said minutes in a newspaper published in the town, if any, or in such newspaper published in the county in which such town may be located having a circulation in such town, and affidavits of said publication shall be filed with the Town Clerk; and to file a copy of said local law with the Secretary of State of New York.

**Motion Carried: Unanimously
Ayes: Meyer, Manicchio, Fields-Tawil, Weiss, Feldman**

F. Resolution – Declaration of Surplus

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, that the Town of Ossining hereby declares the following equipment from the Highway Department as surplus equipment:

- 1993 Mack Packer (VIN No. 2M2P264C1PC012253) known as Truck #50**
- 1997 International Dump Truck (Vin No. 1HTSEAARXVH479584) known as Truck #51**
- 1997 JR Hollingsworth Generator (Serial No. W25KYQ63270007)**
- GE Bulbs (Model M-250r2)**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

G. Justice Court Assistance Program Application 2024-2025

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following resolution be approved.

Resolved, the Board of the Town of Ossining, NY authorizes the Ossining Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-2025 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilmember Meyer moved and it was seconded by Councilmember Weiss that the following monthly reports be accepted.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby accepts the following monthly reports for the month of July 2024:

- Dale Cemetery**
- Highway Department**
- Supervisor’s Office**
- Tax Receiver**
- Town Clerk**

Motion Carried: Unanimously

VIII. VISITOR RECOGNITION

Visitors shall be accorded one (1) four (4) minute opportunity to address the Board on issues not relating to the agenda, but of relevance to the common good of the Town.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn to Executive Session for matters of advice of counsel, contract, and Pending Litigation and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

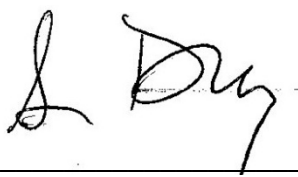
At 8:44 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to leave Executive Session and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

At 8:44 P.M., Councilmember Meyer motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting and Councilmember Weiss seconded.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

Approved:



Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk